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SUBJECT: INMARSAT CONFERENCE, SECOND SESSION: INITIAL
MEETINGS FEBRUARY 9

1. RESUMED SESSION OF INMARSAT OPENED ON SCHEDULE WITH
PLENARY MEETING FEBRUARY 9 AND INITIAL MEETINGS
COMMITTEES I AND II. US REP MILLER NAMED VP TO REPLACE
WALDMANN AND VARGAS OF PERU REPLACED FORSYTHE AS VP.
IMCO SEC GEN AND ITU DEPUTY SEC GEN OFFERED FULL
COOPERATION OF THEIR ORGANIZATIONS. 41 COUNTRIES LISTED
AS PARTICIPATING, WITH 2 COUNTRIES, 4 INTERNATIONAL
ORGANIZATIONS AND 11 NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS AS
OBSERVERS.

2. PLENARY AGREED TO USE REPORT OF ISWG, AND PARTICULARLY ITS FIVE ANNEXES AS BASIC WORKING DOCUMENT. IT
THEN AGREED WITH THE ISWG'S AGREEMENTS ON:

A. ARRANGEMENTS TO ALLOW EITHER A GOVT OR AN ENTITY
DESIGNATED BY A GOVT TO UNDERTAKE FINANCIAL, TECHNICAL
AND OPERATIONAL RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS WITHIN THE
ORGANIZATION, AND

B. THE BASIC INSTRUMENTS WOULD CONSIST OF A CONVENTION
SIGNED BY GOVT'S AND AN OPERATING AGREEMENT SIGNED BY
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GOVT'S OR DESIGNATED ENTITIES.

3. PLENARY CHAIRMAN (BILLINGTON, U.K.) PROPOSALS TO ESTABLISH INITIAL WORK APPROVED BY CONFERENCE. COMMITTEE I CHARGED WITH COMING UP WITH APPROVED DRAFT ON DISTRIBUTION OF POWERS BETWEEN ASSEMBLY AND COUNCIL (ARTICLES 11, 13, 13 BIS, 14, 15 AND 41) OF CONVENTION BY FRIDAY AND COMMITTEE II TO REACH AGREEMENT AS A MATTER OF PRIORITY ON LONG TERM AND INITIAL INVESTMENT SHARES, CAPITAL CEILING AND THEN TO PROCEED WITH ARTICLES III THRU XI AND ANNEX 5.

4. AT PM MEETINGS BOTH COMMITTEES BEGAN INITIAL DISCUSSIONS OF THEIR ISSUES.

A. COMMITTEE I (CHAIRMAN STANFORD, CANADA) DECIDED TO DISCUSS POWERS OF COUNCIL AND ASSEMBLY FIRST AND PROCEED TO DECISION ON THOSE BEFORE PROCEEDING TO OTHER COMMITTEE MATTERS. USSR PROMISED TO CLARIFY THEIR PROPOSAL TO PROVIDE FOR EQUITABLE GEOGRAPHIC REPRESENTATION. GENERAL DISCUSSION ENSUED ON ARTICLES 11, 12, 13, 13 BIS AND 14. INITIAL DISCUSSION REVEALED DIVISION AMONG THOSE FAVORING MORE AND THOSE LESS POWERS TO ASSEMBLY AND BETWEEN THOSE FAVORING DECISIONS BY ASSEMBLY MAJORITY OR BY 2/3 OF INVESTMENT SHARES. USSR APPEALED FOR "PARTNERSHIP" ROLE BY SHIP OWNERS. US SAID EXISTING TEXT SUFFICIENT.

B. COMMITTEE II (CHAIRMAN JAENICKE, FRG). DISCUSSION OF LEVEL OF CAPITAL CEILING REVOLVED AROUND THREE FIGURES OF 200, 220 AND 250 MILLION DOLLARS. SHIFT OF

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SUPPORT TO US PREFERENCE (200 MILLION) WAS MARKED WITH USSR, UK AND SIX OTHERS SPEAKING IN FAVOR. CLEARLY LESS SUPPORT FOR HIGHER AMOUNTS. ALL MAJOR DELEGATIONS, USSR INCLUDED, STATED THEIR SUPPORT FOR US VIEW THAT COUNCIL RATHER ASSEMBLY SHOULD HAVE AUTHORITY TO MAKE ANY CHANGES IN CAPITAL CEILING. ONLY KUWAIT SUPPORTED ASSEMBLY FOR THIS AUTHORITY. REVIEW OF NEW QUESTION OF CURRENCY IN WHICH CEILING TO BE EXPRESSED ENDED INCONCLUSIVELY BUT WITH TREND OF DISCUSSION TOWARDS USING US DOLLAR RATHER THAN GOLD FRANCS OR S.D.R'S WHICH ALSO DISCUSSED. FORMATION OF A WORKING GROUP TO CONSIDER LONG-TERM INVESTMENT SHARES ALSO CONSIDERED. SOME SPOKESMEN BELIEVED THIS SHOULD BE SETTLED IN COMMITTEE ITSELF.

5. US DEL INFORMALLY FLOATED POSSIBILITY OF ESTABLISHING INMARSAT HEADQUARTERS IN US WHICH WAS RECEIVED WITH CERTAIN MEASURE OF SURPRISE BY UK AND SOME ENCOURAGEMENT FROM JAPAN. US DEL WILL PURSUE MATTER AND CONSULT WITH DEPARTMENT WITH RESPECT TO PRIVILEGES AND IMMUNITIES SHOULD IT APPEAR THAT PROPOSAL BEING ACCEPTED.

6. CHAIRMAN INDICATED INTENTION ESTABLISHING WORK

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US DEL HAS SEEN INITIAL EUR PROPOSAL WHICH GOES FAR BEYOND ANYTHING THAT THE US CAN ACCEPT, AND EUR IS BEING SO INFORMED.

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